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***CEREMONY TO HONOR CIVIL RIGHTS PIONEER ROSA PARKS
The Community of Greensboro Celebrates a Life Well Lived***

GREENSBORO, NC (November 30, 2005) – In tribute to Rosa Parks and her contribution to the civil rights movement, a ceremony will be held on December 1 at the J. Douglas Galyon Depot, 234 East Washington Street, beginning at 6 pm. Sponsored by Mayor Pro Tem Yvonne Johnson, the event features a short program with a tribute to Rosa Parks, a plaque dedication ceremony, and a charge to the community. The event is open to the public and residents are invited to come stand, in honor of Rosa Parks' sitting.

Also, throughout the day on December 1, the Greensboro Transit Authority (GTA) is participating with transit agencies across the nation in a National Transit Tribute to Rosa Parks Day. GTA will commemorate the historic day with special announcements about Parks using the Talking Bus feature on all GTA buses and bus operators will wear black armbands throughout the day in her memory.

The daylong commemoration and ceremony coincide with the 50th anniversary of Parks' refusal to give up her seat to a white patron on a Montgomery, Alabama bus. This event was later credited for inciting a year long boycott of bus transportation across the country and propelled Parks to prominence as the mother of the Civil Rights Movement.

"Rosa Parks' legacy of courage is still a catalyst for change today," says Mayor Pro Tem Yvonne Johnson. "Her willingness to take a stand against injustice will inspire future generations to meet challenges head on and act as a voice for the disadvantaged or unrepresented."

"The City of Greensboro is honored to participate in the National Transit Tribute to Rosa Parks Day," says GTA Board Chair Mary Lou Zimmerman. "By honoring Parks' contributions, the City demonstrates its commitment to improved community relations, while providing us an opportunity to honor someone who changed the course of history and inspired us all."

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